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Letter dated 3 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I would like to bring your attention to the already stated principled stand and countermeasures of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in connection with the letter addressed to us by the so-called "Sanctions Committee" of the United Nations Security Council requesting a clarification.

On 13 June 2009, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) made its statement that the DPRK totally rejects resolution 1874 (2009), which was unfairly orchestrated in wanton violation of the sovereignty and dignity of the DPRK, and that the DPRK will never be bound by this resolution.

We do not feel, therefore, any need to respond to the request made by the Security Council "Committee".

Had the Security Council, from the very beginning, not made an issue of the DPRK's peaceful satellite launch, in the same way as it kept silent over the satellite launch conducted by South Korea on 25 August 2009, it would not have compelled the DPRK to take strong counteraction, such as its second nuclear test.

It is fair and square to find that the DPRK took its steps of action to cope with the high-handed act and threat aimed at depriving the DPRK of its rights to peaceful economic construction.

It would be a miscalculation if the Security Council, rather than apologizing for violating the legitimate right of a State member of the United Nations, thought that we would recognize the "sanctions resolution", which was framed in the same way as the thief turning on the victim with a club over the DPRK's self-defensive steps.

We have never objected to have the denuclearization itself of the Korean Peninsula and of the world. What we have objected to is the structure of the six-way talks, which have been used to violate outrageously the sovereignty of the DPRK and its right to peaceful development.

The denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula is closely related with the United States nuclear policy towards the DPRK. The DPRK has already made clear its countermeasures to cope with sanctions as well. The reprocessing of spent fuel rods is in its final phase and extracted plutonium is being weaponized. Experimental

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uranium enrichment has been successfully conducted to enter into the completion phase.

We are prepared for both dialogue and sanctions. If some permanent members of the Security Council wish to put sanctions first before dialogue, we would respond by bolstering our nuclear deterrence first, before meeting them in a dialogue.

If the Security Council only continues this stand-off, without making a proper judgment of which path is more favourable for the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and of the world, the DPRK will be left with no choice but to take yet another strong self-defensive countermeasure, as it had already warned.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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